

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Board Members in Attendance

Morgan Selph
Bob Vanbibber
Dani Murakami
Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Dani Murakami.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Vanbibber made a motion to approve the May, 2014 board minutes as written. Morgan Selph seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizens.

Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation Master Plan Presentation (Morgan Selph)

Morgan Selph stated how the County is kicking off the master plan and explained that it is a long range document and basically guides everything that they do. They look at all the acres for all the municipalities of the County. They look at all the regional and local trails and connections. They've had quite a few people coming to their meetings in regards to pickleball and disk golf and building more amenities for them. They've been looking at the inventories for different parks and the needs they are in. They are currently in the public involvement phase and plan to go to all the different planners and cities to ask their plans and wants. Once they complete that stage then they will go to the analysis phase and take all of the information and data and put it all together. At the end of the year they should have the Master Plan that helps them move into the future. The next thing they look at is the demographics, which is the study of people. Utah is the 3rd fastest growing state in the nation. It is attracting more young families which makes the percentage of children higher. They have divided the plan up into five planning areas and Murray is part of the East planning area. They discussed the increasing of the different generations and how families are decreasing from 5 to 3 or less kids and that the incomes should become more fixed so the bonds for the schools might go down. They sent out a survey to the residents over the valley with questions of amenities and other things that they would like. Overall, if they took everything across the board, the determination would be new hiking, biking, and walking trails, more park maintenance (even though they are satisfied, they would like to see more), more land for parks, higher level natural area maintenance, more land for trails, better sports field maintenance, build new passive parks (meaning unused by scheduled sports), convert natural sport turf to synthetic turf.

Doug asked the board members what they think and observe and what they would like to see. Dani Murakami said more trails. Bob Vanbibber stated he would like walking trails and to walk around a park and have it be peaceful instead of games and groups of people playing on it.

Discuss Location the Freeze Barn in Murray Park (Doug Hill)

Doug explained the location of the Freeze barn near the rose garden at the entrance of the park and how the owners of that land are going to be developing there but said that they would donate the barn to the city. It is just sitting on planks but doesn't have any insulation and so the City is concerned if it could handle the move. The History Board has gone to the Mayor and said please save the barn, they would really like to keep it. The mayor is working with the board and architects to see if it is possible and worth it to save the barn. The question that Doug posed to the board is if they saw this as being a nice addition to the Park. Morgan Selph said that he thinks if the City participated in moving and restoring it that it be better at Wheeler Farm. Dani thinks it doesn't really have any historical value to the City. They all said that they thought that Murray Park might not be the best location for it.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug stated that the Boards and Commissions dinner and paly is on July 30th at 6pm at pavilion #2.

QUESTIONS

No questions

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Vanbibber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morgan Selph seconded that motion. Motion was unanimous and meeting adjourned.